



Gift to library

Farmington Kiwanian Carl Burger's (left) hand-made Dutch frigate Friesland is one of three replicas of historic ships donated to the Farmington Community Library in honor of Veterans' Day Nov. 11.

Lloyd Smith, president of the Farmington Kiwanis, was on hand when Burger donated the ships to the library.

clarification

Newly elected councilwoman Jean Fox finished second to the top vote-getter in Tuesday's Farmington Hills City Council election. Joe Alkateeb, D-324 votes — 1,914 for Alkateeb, 1,904 for Fox. The Observer published a higher margin of victory for

Alkateeb Nov. 5

The telephone number of the Oakland County chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America is 338-5940. A different number was listed in the Observer Oct. 29.

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City hall will be closed in Farmington Hills but open in Farmington Wednesday, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day.

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Both the 47th District Court and the Farmington Community Library will be open.

The U.S. Postal Service will operate on a holiday schedule. Farmington postmaster Kenneth Harris said there will be no regular residential or business mail delivery. Special delivery, Express Mail and Post Office-Box service will be provided.

Limited caller service will be available only for customers who regularly pick up their mail at either the Farmington Office, 33200 Stucum, or the Farmington Hills Office, 32455 12 Mile. The service window will be open from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. for those customers; there will be no financial transactions.

Mail will be picked up from all residential collection boxes as late in the day as possible to meet first-class mail service standards. All business collection boxes, with the large 5 p.m. decal, will be picked up after 5 p.m.

Normal mail service will resume Thursday, Nov. 12.

Fox says she spent \$3,000 on campaign

Newly elected Farmington Hills councilwoman Jean Fox said Friday she collected more than \$5,000 for her campaign, but spent only a little more than \$3,000 on actual campaign expenses.

The Observer reported Nov. 5 that Fox spent some \$5,000, based on her pre-election financial report filed with the Oakland County elections clerk. Fox said seed money is necessary to pay for essentials such as printing.

"The U.S. Postal Service is funny about wanting cash for stamps," she said.

HENCE, SHE said, it was necessary to open a bank account in September with \$4,000 of her own money, listed on her report as "loan from a person."

Donations of \$15, \$25 and \$50, "with an occasional \$100 or \$150," followed as did a fund-raiser, Fox said.

In the final accounting, the seed money loan will be returned to her.

"When the final accounting is turned in to the county clerk, expenses in the Fox campaign should run about \$3,000, 90 percent of it financed by small donations," she said.

Fox said her printing costs topped \$1,500; another \$1,000 went for stamps. She said she decided that direct mail would be her main source of contact with voters.

Council candidates are required by state law to file pre- and post-election financial reports with the county elections clerk if they collect or spend more than \$1,000. Candidates must file a post-election report by Dec. 3, showing a complete list of campaign receipts and expenses.

IN A story Oct. 29, the Observer reported that Fox's pre-election financial report showed \$6,100 in contributions, including a \$4,000 loan. Contributions included more than \$2,000 from a fund-raiser at the Botsford Inn. In-kind contributions totaled \$217.

As of the Oct. 23 deadline, Fox spent more than \$3,000 for letters, photographs, brochures, cards, postage, poll cards, voter lists and room fees for the Botsford Inn fund-raiser.

Mary Jo Hammond, a clerk in the Oakland County Elections Division office, said the \$4,000 loan will appear on the financial statement not only as a campaign receipt, but also as a debt and obligation until it is repaid or forgiven.

Once repayments are made, they will be reflected as campaign expenditures.

"There could be total or partial repayment," Hammond said. "Any balance will be kept on the books as still owing to her until it is paid off or forgiven."

There is no deadline for repaying or forgiving the loan.

Fox finished second to top vote-getter Joe Alkateeb by 323 votes — 4,014 for Alkateeb, 3,691 for Fox. She spent less than Alkateeb in campaign expenses. Alkateeb reported spending more than \$7,000.

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